

DIVERSITY CAFE

THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS

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November marks National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. This year's theme is "Guiding Our Destiny with Heritage and Traditions." November is an appropriate month for the celebration because it is traditionally a time when many American Indians hold fall harvest and world-renewal ceremonies. The celebration recognizes hundreds of different tribes and approximately 250 languages and celebrates the history, tradition, and values of American Indians.

As the first people to live on the land we all cherish, American Indians and Alaska Natives have profoundly shaped our country's character and our cultural heritage.

Against the odds, America's first peoples have endured and they remain a vital cultural, political, social, and moral presence. Native Americans have brought to this great country certain values and ideas that have become ingrained in the American spirit, such as the knowledge that humans can thrive and prosper without destroying the natural environment; the understanding that people from very different backgrounds, cultures, religions, and traditions can come together to build a great country; and the awareness that diversity can be a source of strength rather than division.

Café News

- The Iranian-American Employees Committee of Public Works has a new committee this year. Siyavash Araumi of Watershed Management Division is the new Chair, and Sam Shadab of Project Management Division I is the Co-Chair. The group's annual celebration will be on Thursday, April 3, 2014, in Conference Rooms A-C.
- Public Works International Committee will hold its popular "Holidays Around the World" festival on December 23, 2013, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cafeteria. For information, contact Steve Milewski at (626) 458-3573.
- The Public Works African American Engineers and Professional Employees Association will staff a booth at the annual Youth Science and Technology Day on Saturday, November 16, 2013. For more information, contact John Zeigler at (626) 458-5914.

Diversity Calendar

- **October 2 - December 2** – The Cyrus Cylinder, the first declaration of Human Rights in the world, will be on exhibit at the Getty Villa in Malibu. For more information, call (310) 440-7300 or visit www.getty.edu/visit.
- **November 24** – The Hanukkah Family Festival at the Skirball Cultural Center. Enjoy music, storytelling and hands-on art workshops. Families of all backgrounds welcome. For ticket information, visit www.skirball.org.



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